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The reply filed on 3-22-2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the reply fails to present arguments pointing out the patentable novelty of independent claims 19 and 38 and no attempt is made to overcome the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection with respect to claim 38 set forth in the previous office action. See 37 CFR 1.111 and MPEP 714.02

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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